

2013 Hickman County Spring Chicken Festival Dampened but not drowned

**Vendors, judges
impressed with
local support**

Daniel Richardson

As the rain came down Thursday night and Friday, all hope seemed lost for the success of the 2013 Hickman County Spring Chicken Festival.

Several of the much-anticipated events were cancelled, including the kids' bump-and-jump, the petting zoo, and the live outdoor music, and approximately one-third of the vendors did not attend. But those not afraid of the water were determined to enjoy the festival.

On Friday night in the event's first Chicken Idol contest, Cathlene Webb of Carlisle County won first place in the 18 and under division, and Katherine Kelly was the runner-up. In the adult division, Melissa Alfred-Jackson took the first-place award, and Austin Cunningham was runner-up.

Judges from Ballard County were presented gift bags from event sponsors. The bags included pottery from Danny Whitlock, soap and jewelry from Aureens, gift certificates from Violet Femmes and Etc. Gifts, and a complimentary dinner from Ruby Faye's Restaurant. Financial sponsors for the event were the Hickman County Arts Council and Hope Community Church.

"The judges were very impressed with the talent and the local support," Idol chairman Henry Brazzell said.

On Saturday morning, around 70 runners showed up for the Chicken Festival 5K and 10K runs and the Chicken Festival Fun Run for children. Participants gathered in the courthouse to warm up before and dry off after the event.

Brad Pritts received the award for



Photo by Daniel Richardson

CLUCKING - Annette Smith demonstrates for the Chicken Clucking contest Saturday during the Hickman County Spring Chicken Festival. At right, Darrell Sims celebrates after receiving an award following the 5K event Saturday morning.

being the overall male winner of the 10K, with a time of 44:09. Angela Black was the overall female winner of the 10K, with a time of 50:31. 10K winners by age groups were Male 20-29, Michael Choate, first place; Tyler Burgess, second place, and female, Chelsey Ballard-Schwartz, first place. Male 30-39: Russell Shanklin. Male 50-59: Jay Pittman, first place; Glenn Reid, second place.

Scotty Kelly won first-place overall for the 5K event with a time of 22:41, with Brooke Kelly as the overall female winner with a time of

26:44. 5K winners by groups were Male 13-19: Logan Pittman, first place; Dillon Hicks, second place. Female 13-19: Kelsey Grubbs, first place; Emma Crittendon, second place.

Male 20-29: David Romero, first place; Brian Black, second place. Female 20-29: Stacy Peyton, first place; Juliann Lindsey, second place. Male 30-39: Devin Pittman, first place; George Black, second place.

Female 30-39: Andrea Williford, first place; Liz Pritts, second place. Male 40-49: Will Jones, first place.

Female 40-49: Laura Vincent, first place; Sharon Downs, second place.

Male 50-59: Bobby Brown, first place; Steve Kelsey, second place. Female 50-59: Rosemary Jones, first place; Teresa Brown, second place.

The Chicken Festival 5K and 10K was sponsored by Clinton-Hickman County ICF, Crop Production Services (CPS), and H and R Agri-Power.

More than half of the arts and craft vendors arrived as scheduled,

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Teresa Rose

Rose to retire from HCHS

Jessica Cooley

Teresa Rose, upper level English teacher at Hickman County High School, is retiring this year. She has been teaching at Hickman County for five years.

Mrs. Rose found her interest in teaching at a very young age, when she used to play "teacher" with her dolls. When she was older and heading off to college, she planned to major in psychology.

The dean of the psychology department at the time saw her love for teaching and gave her some advice. He said, "Why don't you go ahead and get your degree in psychology and get your teaching credentials too?"

She followed his advice and also picked up an English degree along the way. She began teaching at Fulton Independent Schools and stayed there for 19 years, until she decided to move to Hickman County where she has been ever since.

She has become great friends with her co-workers, "They're like my family," she said. Her students love her, and they will miss her dearly.

Some of her students have shared their feelings about Mrs. Rose. Jessica Cooley, junior, said, "Mrs. Rose has made a very big impact on my life. She is one of those teachers that stay in your heart forever! I feel very blessed not only to have had her as a teacher but to have her in my life, period."

Dylan Hudson, junior, said "She is very motherly and caring. Being a teacher isn't a job for her, it's a way of life." Allie Thomas, junior, said, "Mrs. Rose makes literature fun!"

Sydney Harrison, junior, said, "I have never seen a teacher so devoted to not only her work but to her students. She cares so much about each of us and we, as students, can't thank her enough for all she has done!" Johanna Fuller, junior, said, "Mrs. Rose is an amazing woman and teacher who knows how to care for all of her students and go beyond just a student-teacher relationship. I feel like I can call her a friend, and she will be missed by everyone!"

Paul Barnett, junior, said, "At the beginning of the year, I found some of the work difficult and didn't enjoy the class very much because she didn't cut much slack. Now at the end of the year, I realize it's an honors class, and she was doing her best to create honors students. Mrs. Rose is my favorite teacher because she never

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Fulton plant means Hickman County jobs

Daniel Richardson

The world's largest manufacturer of private label candles plans to open shop in Fulton on Wednesday. Hickman County Judge Executive Greg Pruitt announced during Thursday afternoons meeting of the Hickman County Economic Development Authority, Inc. (HCEDA) that the opening of the plant should offer several jobs for unemployed Hickman Counties.

M.V.P. International plans to employ 150 full-time workers and is scheduled to produce 200 to 250 thousand candles per day for premium retailers. Pruitt reminded the board that, typically, one out of every five Fulton County jobs goes to a Hickman Countian.

Pruitt said that Hickman County/Fulton County Economic Development Partnership, an initiative to market resources from the two counties to manufacturers,

is currently negotiating with other manufacturers about moving to the area.

HCEDA held its regularly scheduled quarterly meeting on Thursday, April 25, in Hickman County Judge/Executive Greg Pruitt's office, with all board members present.

Tommy Roberts is the chairman of the board that also includes Bob

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Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program graduates have big ideas

Makenna LeBlanc



Photos by Makenna LeBlanc

LEADERSHIP GRADUATES - 2012-2013 Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program graduates (top left to right) Cannon Ferguson, Makayla Keene, Taylor Ray, Amanda Blalock, John Barnett, Kayla Roach, Wade Clark (bottom left to right) Kennady Yarbro, Audrey Jenkins, Morgan Davis, Jonathan Gore, Chenise Thomas, Haley Bizzle, Kayla Ferguson, Kenneth Pick

The 2012-2013 Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program had their annual graduation this past Saturday, Apr. 28. Several Chamber leaders were in attendance as well as many of the proud parents and grandparents of the students graduating. This year's Leadership Program consisted of a few of Hickman County's brightest Seniors. It included Kayla Roach, Wade Clark, John Barnett, Taylor Ray, Audrey Jenkins, Morgan Davis, Jonathan Gore, Kennady Yarbro, Kenneth Pick, Chenise Thomas, Amanda Blalock, Makayla Keene, Cannon Ferguson, Kayla Ferguson, and Haley Bizzle.

In order to meet the requirements for graduation, the students had to complete several tasks. They had to attend several outings to places like the Columbus Belmont State Park and the Clinton Courthouse to learn more about their community. They also had to write monthly press releases on these events and complete ten hours of community service. Their final task was to team up with three or four other program members and create a ten-minute presentation on how they can better Hickman County and present it for a panel of judges at the graduation. The judges scored the groups on their presentation of their creative idea and how well planned out the idea was.

All of the groups did a wonderful job and had many useful ideas that could be put into action in the near future, but one group stood out to the judges. This group consisted of Audrey Jenkins, Kennady Yarbro, Morgan Davis, and Jonathan Gore. The group of bright young students chose to do their presentation over how our community could ensure the sustainability of Hickman County in the next few decades.

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Local Weather

Wed 5/1 83/59
More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.

Thu 5/2 77/45
Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 40s.

Fri 5/3 51/40
Showers. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 40s.

Sat 5/4 62/46
Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 40s.

Sun 5/5 69/52
Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 50s.

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Solar is now affordable

Jackson tells Clinton Rotary about solar power

Daniel Richardson

Clinton Rotary members were treated to a green education at last Wednesday's meeting by Barry Joe Jackson of Awesome Affordable Solar.

Jackson is a Solar Installation Master Contractor from Fulton County and has been working with solar installations for three years.

"It's an interesting field," he said as he began. Jackson passed around literature and a piece of a solar panel. The material, made of silicon, was very brittle and even broke as it was passed around. Jackson explained that silicon is the second most abundant element on the earth, just behind oxygen.

Although the initial cost seems high, at around \$35,000 for a 10 kw solar system, Jackson explained that solar energy is becoming more and more affordable, with federal tax credits taking up to 30 percent off the bill, and allowed Kentucky tax credit and TVA returns as cash back, both valued at \$1,000.

A system of this size can supply most, if not all, energy needs for an average-sized home, virtually eliminating the electric bill. The process is somewhat tricky, with the electric company still sending a bill for energy used. In our area, power provider TVA reimburses users for energy created. He said that most panels

currently in place are 15 percent efficient, and as efficiency increases, costs will decrease. Panels also are guaranteed for 25 years, and Jackson said that no maintenance is required other than an occasional rain.

Because of the long life of the panels, Jackson does not recommend placing them on the roof, since the roof will likely need to be replaced before the panels, which are covered by tempered glass that is capable of withstanding hail up to one-inch in diameter.

Jackson said that solar panels produce direct current energy, which must be converted to alternating current using an inverter. Some inverters are capable of sending data to companies that will let a homeowner know if one of the panels is not behaving normally.

"TVA loves solar," Jackson said when explaining the cohesive relationship between solar energy and more conventional electricity derived from power plants. He said that TVA likes solar power because summer's hottest days are when energy usage is at its highest.

Homes equipped with supplemental solar panels do not take additional energy off the grid on hot days since those sunny days are when their solar panels are producing the most energy.

Patricia Kelly brought Jackson as program presenter.



This stretch of Ky. 123 is up for resurfacing this summer.

Clay and Depot Streets up for resurfacing

Two sections of roadway in Hickman County, a 2.2-mile section of KY 123 (Clay Street) from KY 58 to KY 239 and a 0.36-mile section of KY 1826 (Depot Street in Clinton) from Blair Street to U.S. 51 will be resurfaced. Murray Paving Inc. was awarded the contract for \$327,416. The completion date for the project is November 15.

The funds for the project are part of more than \$27 million in asphalt rehabilitation projects that have been awarded by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet as the spring construction season gets underway.

The first asphalt projects of the season are distributed over 45 counties.

"Maintaining our roadways is one of the most important responsibilities of the Transportation Cabinet," Kentucky Transportation Secretary Mike Hancock said. "Well-maintained roads are safer for motorists. They're also important for economic development and community growth."

The awarded projects span the Commonwealth, from Fulton County in the west to Boyd County in the east. They range in cost from \$1.9 million for improvement of Dixie Highway (U.S. 31W) in Hardin County to \$41,000 for improvement of Bloomfield Road (KY 55) in Spencer County.

In all, nearly 60 asphalt rehab contracts were awarded in April with more to be awarded later this year.

In Fulton County, two sections of roadway including a 0.79-mile section of U.S. 45 (Highland Drive in Fulton) from the Tennessee state line to KY 1648 and a 0.9-mile section of KY 125 (Union City Highway in Hickman) from KY 1099 to KY 94. Murray Paving Inc. was also awarded this contract for \$262,642, and the projected completion date for this project is also November 15.



PANELS - Rotary members Keith Akin, left, and Glenn Reid pass around a piece of a solar panel during Jackson's presentation Wednesday.

Photographers Guild to host photo contest

Jennifer Nuckolls

The West Tennessee Photographers Guild will host a photo contest at the 2013 Banana Festival this fall.

This year's dates for the annual event will be September 15 through 21 in Fulton.

Qualifying photographs must be taken in the Kentucky counties of Fulton, Hickman, and Graves or Obion and Weakley counties in Tennessee.

Members of the West Tennessee Photographers Guild will seek sponsorship support from local businesses.

Donations made to the contest will be awarded as prize money.

Details about entry fees, photo size, categories, mounting instructions, and locations for submitting entries will be announced closer to the date of the event. There will be a special category for youth participants age 15 and under.

For more information on this contest and the West Tennessee Photographers Guild, contact guild president Jeff Roush at jroush@roushstudios.com ***

WLTJ joins Discovery Park for education

UNION CITY, TN - April 12 Discovery Park of America and WLTJ, public television for West Tennessee, announced today that WLTJ will be the name sponsor of the Discovery Globe, an interactive digital video sphere located in the Natural History Gallery.

The Discovery Globe is a 4' sphere-shaped screen that will display digital information about the earth or other planets. The Globe can demonstrate real-time weather activities on the earth, show historical changes in the earth's geology, or even represent other planets. It is mounted on a pedestal allowing 360° degree viewing. With a stunning visual impact, the Discovery Globe will provide a captivating experience that will hold the attention of students and keep them fully engaged in the learning process. Utilizing a broad range of software, the globe can be used to teach earth and planetary sciences, world history, geography or social sciences in a compelling and entertaining way.

Jim Rippy, CEO of Discovery Park, said that he was pleased to have WLTJ as a sponsor. "We appreciate the involvement of WLTJ and their support of Discovery Park. WLTJ is an important part of the television experience for people in West Tennessee especially with their excellent children's programming. It's great for Discovery Park that WLTJ will use their television programming and community outreach to help us tell people about what Discovery Park has to offer. The missions of both organizations to enhance education and quality of life are very similar and it's an ideal partnership."

Monica Cochran, General Manager and CEO of WLTJ, said that WLTJ is proud and



DISCOVERY GLOBE - This globe will be a key feature when Discovery Park of America opens.

excited to be a part of Discovery Park. "Discovery Park will be a tremendous asset for enhancing the education of both children and adults throughout this region. WLTJ is delighted to join with Discovery Park to help bring the incredible digital experience of this amazing globe to the region. The mission of WLTJ is to educate and enhance the quality of life for West Tennesseans and joining with Discovery Park to help bring the Discovery Globe to thousands of people is a perfect extension of our television programming and community outreach. I think thousands of children and adults will be amazed at this incredible exhibit."

WLTJ - the public television station serving all of West Tennessee (outside of Shelby County) - has the mission of fulfilling the need for knowledge and enhancing the quality of life for West Tennesseans. WLTJ educates, inspires, and entertains by providing outstanding, distinctive television programming and community services.

Discovery Park of America, Inc. will be a \$100 million educational complex with exhibits and interactive experiences in the areas of nature, science, technology, history, and art. Discovery Park is expected to open in the fall of 2013.



Photo by Daniel Richardson

SOLAR - Barry Joe Jackson displayed a solar panel for Clinton Rotary members at their meeting last Wednesday. He educated members about the affordability of solar power.

Walton retires from Mission House

The Mission House in Clinton will soon be losing a valuable asset with Director Cynthia Walton announcing her retirement.

"I've loved every minute of working here," Walton said, "but it's time for me to retire."

Walton has been working and volunteering at the Mission House since it opened in 1993 at the location now serving the business of Gus Well Drilling. She has served as director of the Mission House for a little over a year since Lula Belle Puckett

left the position.

"We have a great ministry here," she said, "and I've got a lot of good memories from working here."

Walton said that she will probably work with the Mission House for about another month so that there is time to hire another director. She cited health concerns as the primary reason for her retirement.

"I've been doing what I think God wanted me to do," she said, "and that's the most important thing." ***



Cynthia Walton

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let a question go unanswered or a problem unsolved. She has taught me more in her class than any other class has. She is so warm-hearted and full of stories, which made her class enjoyable even with all of the work. Mrs. Rose is an incredible individual and will be greatly missed in the years to come!"

After retirement Mrs. Rose plans to spend her time with her family and especially her grandchildren. When asked if she had anything else to say, she said, "Love what you do! I want to thank all of the people in Hickman County who supported me, and I want

to thank the school for having faith in me!"

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District Court

Not an official court docket

The following cases were heard before the Hon. Hunter B. Whitesell II during Hickman County District Court on April 29, 2013. This is not an official docket.

Kelly G. Byassee. Illegal Take/Pursue Deer/Wild Turkey. Amended to Hunting License to be in Possession. Fined \$253.

Steven L. Byrd. Illegal Take/Pursue Deer/Wild Turkey. Amended to Hunting License to be in Possession. Fined \$253.

Melissa Ann Chaney. Speeding 14 Mph. Over Limit. 6 mo. diversion entered. Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance/Security 1st. Dismissed on proof.

Jerome Costic Jr. Speed 21 Mph. Over (Limited Access). Instructional Permit Violations. FTA

Timothy D. Crisp. Criminal Mischief- 3rd Degree. Pledaded guilty. 12 mo. diversion entered. Def. to enroll and go to school and show proof of enrollment and go to court or secure full-time employment and provide proof to court within six months. 50 hours community service within 12 mo. and show proof monthly to court.

Kenneth Dean. Theft by Unlawful Taking/Disp. Shoplifting. Pledaded guilty. 180 days, serve 10. Eligible for monitor through jail. To have no further offenses for one year.

Christopher S. Drake. Speed 12 Mph. Over (Limited Access). Pledaded guilty. Fine suspended.

Rachel A. Eason. No/Expired Registration Plates. Pledaded guilty. \$25 fine suspended.

Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance/Security, 1st. Pledaded guilty. \$100 fine, suspended on proof. 30 days conditionally discharged two years.

Bessie M. Frazier. No/Expired Registration Plates. Pledaded guilty. \$25 fine. Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance/Security, 1st. Dismiss on proof shown.

Lucas P. Hutchinson. Improper Flashing Lights. Failure to Wear Seatbelts. FTA.

Sarah A. Ingram. Speed 11 Mph. Over (Limited Access). Six mo. Diversion entered. \$50 diversion fee. Six mo. diversion entered.

Stacey L. Warren. No/Expired Registration Plates. \$25 fine suspended. All Other Traffic Offenses Not Listed. Amend back to original charge #1. No/Expired Kentucky Registration Receipt. Dismiss on proof shown.

Herbert M. Feliz. Other Hearing. Apply bond to fines and costs.

Brittany Sharkeith Gray. Other Hearing. Apply bond.

Corey Muenzer. Theft By Unlawful Taking/Dis- All Others. Reinstate Diversion to pay diversion fee \$75 in full to be released from HCDC.

Randy L. Cox Jr. Diversion completion. Dismiss on compliance.

Janeilla R. Crawford. Speed 10 Mph. Over (Limited Access). Dismiss on compliance.

Jason B. Dodson. Diversion completion. Dismiss on compliance.

Jody D. Rayburn. Diversion completion. Dismiss on compliance.

Stephen A. Crittendon. Show Cause Hearing. Found in contempt. 10 days, suspended on condition of no other dirty screens. Add three more tests to submit monthly.

Michael G. Kendall. Show Cause Hearing. Victim admonished and conditions explained. Defendant admonished and cause shown.

Amy Stinson. Review. CSW hours completed.

Steven D. Taylor. Pretrial Conference. Disregard Traffic Regulation – 1st Offense. Dismiss. Pt. 393, Federal Safety Regs, Part needed for Safe Operations. Dismiss.

Karla Dean. Preliminary Hearing. Speeding 26 Mph. Over/Greater. Reckless Driving. Poss Controlled Sub. 1st Degree, 1st Off. (Methamphetamine). 1st Degree Possession of CS/ Drug Unspecified, 1st Offense. Poss. Con't. Substance 3rd Degree- Drug Unspecified. Op MV Under/Influence of Alcohol/Drugs, etc. .08 1st Off. Bound to Grand Jury 5/16/13.

Michael L. Williams. Preliminary Hearing. Receiving Stolen Property U/\$10,000. Burglary, 2nd Degree. Fleeing or Evading Police, 2nd Degree (Motor Vehicle), Resisting Arrest. Wanton Endangerment, 2nd Degree. Probable Cause. Bound to Grand Jury 5/16/13.



HCEDA

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Williams, Steve Bradberry, Howard Dillard, Yvette Thomas, and Judge Pruitt as an administrative agent.

Judge Pruitt announced the opening of M.V.P. International in the Fulton. During the meeting, the board voted to contribute \$5,000, as it has in the past, to Kentucky Great River Road Organization (KYGRRO). The four river counties, Fulton, Hickman, Carlisle, and Ballard, contribute \$10,000 annually to KYGRRO. Hickman County's portion is split between the fiscal court and HCEDA.

Judge Pruitt said that

KYGRRO is doing just what it was formed to do: promote tourism in the four river counties. He announced several initiatives that are underway in surrounding counties such as the proposed ATV park in Carlisle County.***



WINNING GROUP - The winning group of the Leadership Program presentations (left to right) Kennedy Yarbro, Morgan Davis, Audrey Jenkins, and Jonathan Gore.

Q and A With Makenna LeBlanc

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They explained how our community could come together to fix sidewalks, replace old roofs with new tin roofs, and even set up a recycling center. I spoke with the students of the winning group to see how they came up with their presentation.

Makenna: Why did you decide to do your presentation over sustainability?

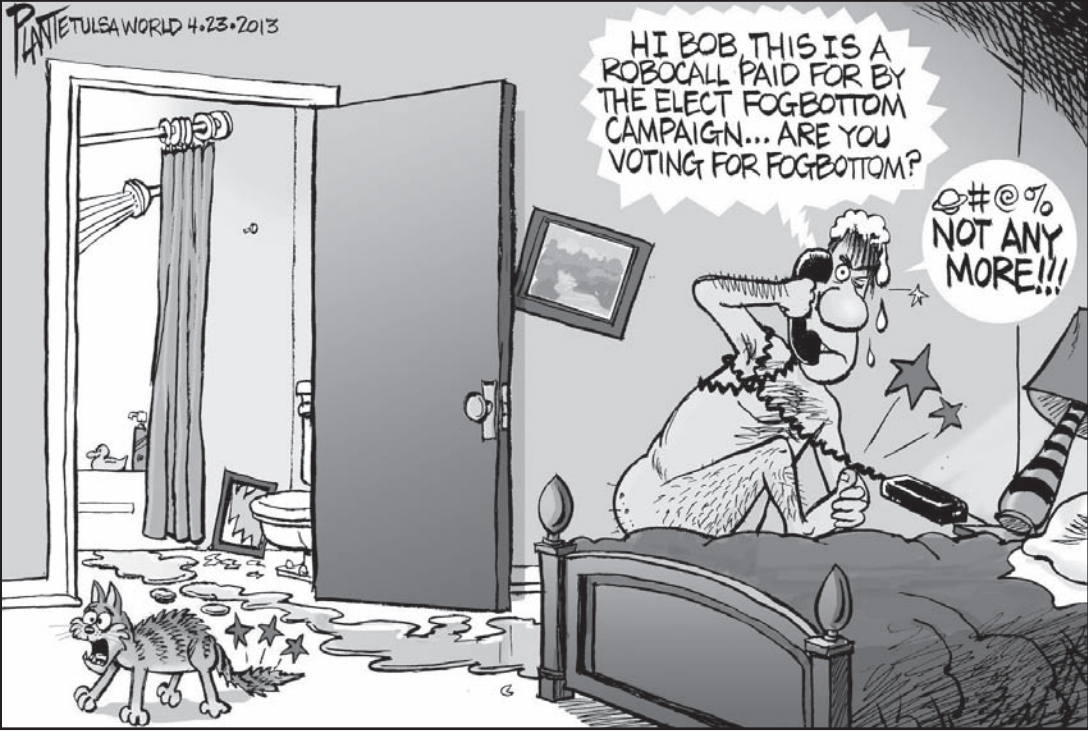
Group Members: We thought that it was an issue that our community members aren't currently doing a lot to fix, but that they will definitely have to face in the future if nothing is done right now.

Makenna: What did you do to research and plan for your presentation?

Group Members: We looked at what the town was in need of. We brainstormed and thought about all the buildings that had fallen recently around town square and how we could fix those problems from occurring in the future. We really wanted to address the current issues and look for ways to improve them.

Makenna: How much time and preparation did you put into this?

Group Members: We have been working on and researching this for a long time. The Leadership Program had designated days for us to work on our projects, but we also did a lot of the work at home on our own time.



My View

By Dennis Richardson

Those robo calls

It doesn't seem to matter how many times we place our phone numbers on the various "do not call" lists, the phone still rings many nights with pre-programmed calls.

I can't remember when was the last time that I talked to a real person on our home land line. When it rings, the number that typically shows up on our television screen is "out of the area." And what's worse, sometimes I actually answer it.

"Hello," I say, "hello." Nothing yet from the other end. But after hanging on another few seconds, a recording starts to come through. "This call is for _____. If this is not _____, please hang up. This is a very important call with important information to"

It seems like they are focused on a few subjects, with offers to lower our interest rate on a credit card, to ask me to participate in some survey or to inform me about some platform a particular politician has going or speak out against a platform promoted by an opponent.

I would cancel the landline, but somehow when I call to do this, I get schmoozed by something saying, "Sir, your land line and internet are bundled, and you will save more by keeping the land line than by canceling it."

Being the miser that I am, wording like that gets my attention. Who has the time to decipher complicated formulas, anyway?

Anyone important knows to call our cell phones. I can count on one hand the number of non-recorded calls that come through the regular phone line.

Is it unique to me or are others having the same experiences?

After all, if a call were really "important," wouldn't the person on the other end make it a point to make the call personally?

Or are they afraid they would have their time wasted on a home answering machine?

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CommunityNews

Area Obituary

Corinne Deweese

Corinne Virginia Deweese, 77, of Wingo, Ky. died at 1:37 a.m. Monday, April 22, 2013 at Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield.

She was a cook at the Keg Restaurant in Murray.

Surviving are three sons, Phillip and Michael C. Barclay, both of Wingo and Robert G. Barclay of Milton, Fla.; two brothers, Thomas Ray Chaney of St. Louis, Mo. and Jimmy Chaney of Dyersburg, Tenn.; one sister, Robbie Fisher of Murray; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Bill Barclay; her second husband, Hilrey Deweese; and one brother. Her parents were Cruse and Robbie Mayse Chaney.

A memorial visitation was held Friday, April 26 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home in Wingo.



Wesley United Methodist Church Community Breakfast

Community breakfast will be the last Saturday of each month from 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church, Hwy. 1529 East. Everyone is welcome.

Palestine Cemetery will have Decoration Day May 12.

Palestine Cemetery, located on Middle Road near Fulton, will hold Decoration Day on Mother's Day, May 12.

American flags will be placed on veterans' graves. In memory of loved ones, you are welcome to decorate or might consider it to be more useful to support the cemetery upkeep with a donation. Make checks to Palestine Cemetery and mail it to Gwen Brewder, 5810 State Route 116 East, Fulton KY 42041. For information call 270-472-2538.

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church will hold revival May 6 - 10

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church on Hwy. 58 E will be having revival May 6 – 10 at 7 p.m. nightly. Bro. Gaylon Bruer is the speaker. Everyone welcome. Bro. Troy Deweese, pastor.

The Wilderness Voice

By Pastor Tom Hoskins

The news commentator announced today the congress is going to tax on-line products to make the playing field 'level' for all. Level or not, it means more out of pocket for Joe Plumber and Secretary Sue. Though our government says inflation is no more than one percent, those calculating do not live or buy on Johnny Jones' salary nor live on his street. The average wage earner

SENIOR CHATTER

With Tammie

Upcoming Events: Purchase Area Senior Games at 8 a.m. on May 6 in Paducah, KY at the Sports Plex. May 8 at 12 p.m. the Woodmen of the World are giving an ice cream social! Also, at 12:30 p.m. on May 8 Play House in the Park will be performing a skit and the Arts Council and the senior center are joining efforts for this event! We are having our Rook Tournament on May 15 at 9 a.m. So, if you want to have a great time, join us for these events!

The senior center would like to thank all of the people that volunteered their time to work at the Chicken Festival because we know it was cold and wet. We appreciate the communities donations and for buying our birdhouses and candy chicks.

Alma Blair is resigning from the RSVP position in our county. We will continue to do our volunteer program. We will miss you Alma and want to thank you for your dedication over the years.

We are having a Celebrating Home fundraiser! Please come by the center to order! We will continue to sell until the second week of May. The Hickman County Senior Citizens receive half of the cost of each item bought! The seniors need carpet and we are doing everything we can to buy it, but we need your donations or help with our fundraisers. Thank you so much for all you do because it means so much to our seniors.

The Hickman County Senior Center will be having a Rook Tournament Fundraiser on May 15 at 9 a.m. If you love to play Rook and would like to help a worthy cause, please come by and sign up. Entry fee is \$3 and we will be collecting donations from area businesses to provide our food, card decks, and prize money. Need help to fix one of our exercise toning beds! If you can help us, please come by. This toning bed is used by the community and the seniors.

Do not hesitate to call if you have a loved one that

would like to join our Adult Day Care. If you know of a senior that is 60 or older and would enjoy coming to our Adult Day Care T-F from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., please call us and let us know. Our seniors participate in activities daily and have breakfast, lunch, and a snack provided.

If you are concerned about a senior or you yourself are one and need a daily hot lunch, please come by the senior center and we will sign you up. We want to help every senior we can. So, do not hesitate to come by where we can be of service to you.

We are not able to pay for escort services for the rest of the fiscal year. When our funding becomes available again we will continue this service to our seniors. Therefore, if you would like to donate your time to transport a senior to a medical appointment, please call our center and we will put you on our escort list. I really appreciate those of you that give your time to help our seniors because without you most could not get to their doctors appointments.

Aerobics are at the Hickman County Senior Center on Tuesday at 6 p.m. and Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. We can offer a class later or earlier if the need is there. It's \$3 per time and if you come twice in a week it is \$5. If you are a member in our workout facility and pay \$20 already then you can just add \$10 to that and have unlimited exercise and aerobics twice a week for just \$30 a month! We have been doing Zumba, but we are willing to do a class of lower impact, as well.

If you would like to rent our building for a birthday, anniversary, baby shower, et. The rental fee is \$50 with a \$25 cleaning fee. The cleaning fee is returned if you leave the building in good condition. We appreciate your support.

Activity schedule for the week:
Wednesday, May 1- 10:30 a.m. - Ribbon exercise
1 p.m. - Garden meeting
Thursday, May 2 - 10 a.m. B.P. clinic/Arbor

Hickman County Little League to raffle 4 St. Louis Cardinal tickets

The Hickman County Little League is having a raffle for 4 St. Louis Cardinal tickets for the May 15 game vs. Mets, section 139, row 20 (very good seats). \$5 per chance or 5 for \$20. To purchase chances contact Stefanie Hoff, Amanda Allen or any Little League game. Drawing will be May 9 between games. Winner does not need to be present. Little League wants to thank the generous donor who made this possible.

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Monday, May 6 - 8:30 a.m. - Purchase Area Senior Games in Paducah, Ky.
Tuesday, May 7 - 10:30 a.m. - spring Bingo
12:30 p.m. - Program/Laurie Snyder.

Our Menu for May 1 - May 7

Wednesday, May 1
Pork roast, baked sweet potato, margarine cup, buttered spinach, corn muffin, fruit cup and skim milk.

Thursday, May 2
Beef pot roast, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, glazed carrots, whole wheat roll, margarine cup, banana and skim milk
Friday, May 3

Baked ham, baked potato, blackeyed peas, cornbread, strawberries & bananas, margarine cup and skim milk
Monday, May 6

Taco salad, cornbread, buttered corn, margarine cup, chocolate wafer, tropical fruit and skim milk.
Tuesday, May 7

Hot roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, banana, steamed broccoli, strawberry dessert and skim milk.
Have a wonderful week and thank you for all you do for our seniors.
Come by and visit us.

Second Baptist News

By Cynthia Walton

At Second Baptist on Sunday morning, Bro. Dustin Cunningham's message was from Matthew 23:25-26. Tanner Dublin signed to the special music. Bro. Dustin finished the study in James on Wednesday night.

On Sunday night Bro. Don Embry, a teacher at Mid-Continent, updated us on the work there and preached a sermon from Hebrews 12:1-2 on the Cross.

We had our 4th Sunday night singing with singing by Mercedes Rosa, Work in Progress, Julia and Courtney Cagle, the men and signing by Brandon Hannon. Afterwards we had our celebration meal.

Next Sunday night Bro. Dustin will be baptizing three into the church.

On May 5 at 3 p.m. Bro. Dustin will be preaching at Arbor Place.

On June 16, we will begin revival services with Bro. Ike Murphy and ending is

yet to be determined. It's up to God.

Happy birthday to Samantha Jackson (May 3), Allie Sproul and Delanie Warren (May 5), Anita Mullins, Jim Schooley and Ronald Stairs (May 8).

Congratulation to Jeremy and Angel Mathis on their recent marriage.

On our prayer list were Dave Romero, Basch family, Darla Turner, Donald Lyell, Donna Bryan, Bro. Tom Hoskins, Wanda Cox, Teen Garrison, Wanda Lock, Phillip McNutt, Dwayne Redmon, Wilma King, Ruth Jewell, Sherry Jones, Jackie Ballard, Gerald and Edna Roper, Eloise Harrison, Mildred Morrison, Josephine Shadwick, Josh Harpole, Helen Holmes and Austin Upshaw.

Isaiah 7:9 says, "If you do not stand firm in your faith, then you will not stand at all."

The West Tennessee Photographers Guild will host the Banana Festival Photo Contest

The West Tennessee Photographers Guild will be hosting the Banana Festival Photo Contest this year. The dates for the Banana Festival are September 15-21.

Photos must be made in the five surrounding counties of Fulton, Hickman and Graves in Kentucky and Obion and Weakley County in Tennessee.

Club members will be calling on local businesses to ask for sponsors for the event.

Donations will be used for prize money for the contest.

More details will be released at a later date regarding fees, photo size, categories, mounting instructions and drop off locations.

There will be a special youth category for ages 15 and under.

For more information about the contest or the West Tennessee Photographers Guild, you may contact Jeff Roush, President at jroush@roushstudios.com

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Part 2

Major's Alaskan adventure

Continued from April 16 edition

Editor's note: This article is the conclusion of Rick Major's story of his trip in March to Alaska. The first part of the story was printed in the April 16 edition of the Gazette.

Coming across the frozen river, Major came up the bank into the trail through the dense woods. "It was only about three feet wide coming out of the river," said Major who wore tinted goggles for needed eye protection during the day, but he couldn't wear them at night because they were too dark, making it hard to see, even with the lights of the snow machines. "I was running about 20-25 miles per hour trying to stay in sight of the more experienced

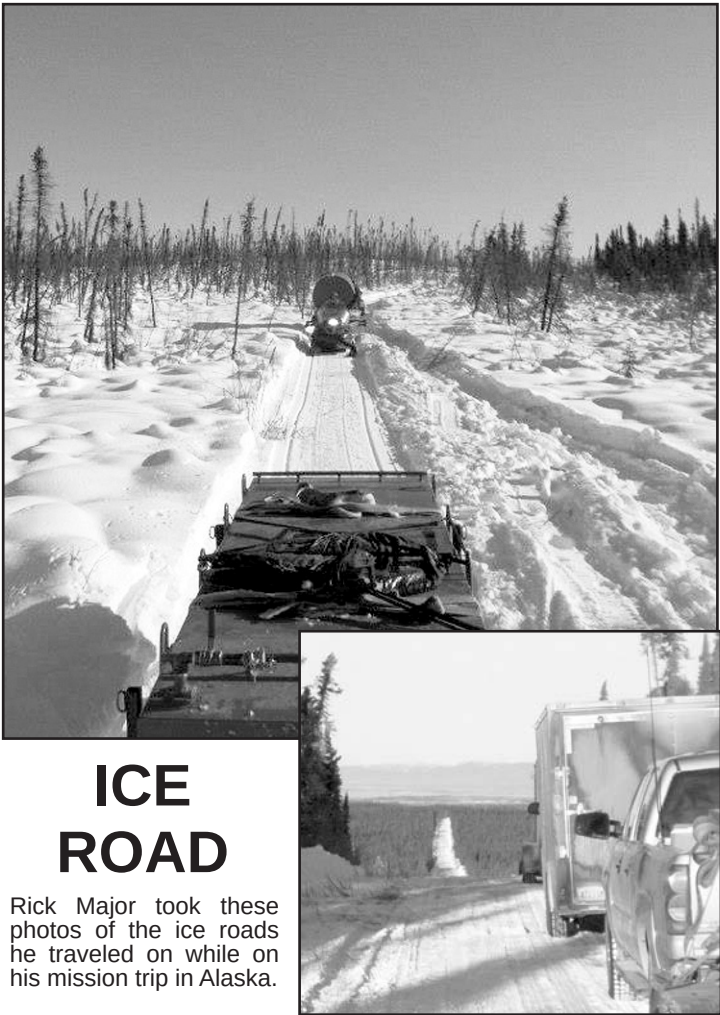
drivers and ducking the low-lying branches," he added. It was here where Major learned a valuable lesson about driving snow machines at night in the Alaskan Bush. "Never, ever, ride a snow machine through the remote Alaskan bush at night without eye protection," noted Major, laughing as he continued. "Just after I left the river, a branch hit me in the left eye, causing me to lose my left contact. I didn't think I was hurt bad, but I was more than 36 miles from camp and now half-blind." Major continued his journey, a little more slowly, with one eye closed. After a while, it was too hard to drive with one

eye closed, so Major opened both eyes again and continued southeast in the dark with out-of-focus blurred vision. That is when things got really bad. Within a couple of miles, Major hit another branch, again striking his left eye, but this time he knew that his injuries were more severe. "This time it hit my eye so hard that I actually saw a bright orange spark," he said. After determining that his eyeball was still in the socket and there was no blood, Major continued to try to catch up with the group. Catching up with the others, he asked one of the others to drive his machine so he could just ride. Home free?? Not quite.

While he was a passenger on the snow machine, at about 30 miles per hour, the machine drifted too close to the brush on the left side, and Major, with his impaired vision, did not see the tree until it was too late. His left foot caught on a passing tree and was turned almost backwards. At first Major thought that his leg was broken, but luckily, that wasn't the case. With his two injuries, Major flew from Bettles to Fairbanks where a friend, a lineman with Golden Valley Co-Op, assisted him with treatment for his injuries at Fairbanks Urgent Care. "I needed to see a specialist for my eye," he explained. "I received the required medicine, and I am happy to say that my eye has fully recovered, with special thanks to Doc (Eyeball) Rob Jordan of Union City, Tennessee for coordinating with the staff in Fairbanks." After obtaining medical

treatment, Major, however, was unable to continue with the mission and changed out his ticket and flew home a day-and-a-half early. Since then, Major has been following his friend Alaska Pastor Mike Roub. "I heard from my friend, and he traveled back to Crevice Creek to fight the ice flow that glacierized the Fickus homeplace where we spent the week of March 18 while hauling supplies," Major said. "I wish I could have gone back to help them." Major attributes his healing to the power of Almighty God. "I am so blessed to even have an eye, much less to see clearly with no permanent damage," he noted. "My ankle still hurts, but it is healing also."

The project Major was a part of is making continued improvements to the Brooks Range Bible Camp. The camp is administered principally by the missionary aviation organization, Kingdom Air Corps. Brooks Range Bible Camp provides a Bible camp experience for native Alaskan children and youth from remote northern villages each July and serves as a real-world training program for young missionary pilots and mechanics who go on to serve in remote places all over the world. To find out more about Kingdom Air Corps and the Brooks Range Bible Camp or to help financially, see Kingdomaircorps.org/brooks-range-bible-camp/ or contact Rick Major.



ICE ROAD

Rick Major took these photos of the ice roads he traveled on while on his mission trip in Alaska.

Get your funny bone tickled at the Senior Citizens Center

Come have your funny bone tickled on Wednesday, May 8, at 12:30 at the Hickman County Senior Citizens Center. The Old Duffers and Powder Puffers, Murray's Playhouse in the Park's senior theater group, will entertain with short dialogues and skits that may include Fibber McGee and Molly and George Burns and Gracie Allen – well, at least materials from those clever performers! This group of volunteers enjoys performing for Playhouse audiences as well as groups around the area, to encourage more people to enjoy doing short theater pieces in their communities. The Duffers and Puffers will talk about how they formed their group and where they get their materials, and they will also answer questions about their long rehearsal times – just kidding! Playhouse director Lisa Cope said her hardest job working with the group "is trying to be sure I divide the parts evenly so that no one has the chance to complain that they're being cut short!" Sounds like a shy group that will be fun to watch. Come join in next Wednesday at 12:30. There is no charge for the performance. The event is sponsored by the Hickman County Arts Council and the Hickman County Senior Center. And if you want to eat lunch at 11:30, \$3 will cover that, and the center asks that you please call on Tuesday (653-4314) to be sure there's plenty of good food prepared.

BLUE RIBBON -- Purchase Area 4-H Speech Winner Isabella Buckingham is no stranger to the winner's circle. She is the Purchase Area 4-H 12-Year-Old Speech Winner, earning champion and blue ribbons. She is a sixth-grade student at Hickman County Elementary School and the daughter of Stacey and Barbara Buckingham. Her speech, The Chicken and The Egg, came naturally from her experience on her family's farm where they operate six broiler chicken barns. Isabella stated, "I really like speaking and performing in front of others. It is fun." Buckingham will represent the Purchase Area in the 4-H State Competition this summer.



PIGGY BANK DESIGN -- Aidan Newton, first-grader at Hickman County Elementary, won \$250 as Purchase Area champion of the Kentucky Saves Piggy Bank Design Contest. He is the son of Beth Byassee and Anthony Newton. He is pictured here with his grandmother Mitzi Spraggs who helped Newton on his papier mache design, which is handpainted with a picture and text, "I love my family." Aidan enjoys learning about money in Mrs. Charlotte Goddard's class by singing the Money Song and counting coins. His piggy bank was on display at the State Capitol in the Rotunda. Kentucky Saves Piggy Bank Design Contest is sponsored by University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

FBLA attends state competition

Makenna Leblanc

Jade Florence, a member of the Hickman County High School Future Business Leaders of America chapter, won fifth place in Principles and Procedures at state FBLA competition in Louisville in early April. Florence is now eligible to compete at the national FBLA convention in Anaheim, California, this summer. She, along with other Hickman County students, advanced to state competition after winning regional competition at Murray State University in March. The students got the opportunity to hear a motivational speaker and attend a dance held for all competitors from across the state. Local students competed in their respective categories on the first day of the three-day convention, and awards ceremonies were held on the third day. The state level of competition is something that FBLA students look forward to every year, and it is such an amazing opportunity to be with other FBLA winners and leaders from Kentucky. It was a great way to end a successful year for the Future Business Leaders of America.



STATE COMPETITION - Front row:Erika Stairs, Jade Florence, Morgan Davis, and Taylor Ray. Second row: Allie Thomas, Lisa Fujisawa, Makayla Keene, Haley Bizzle, Haley-Marie Ellegood, and Rachel Kimbell. Third row: Makenna LeBlanc, Ashleigh Trevino, Sydney Harrison, Courtney Collier, and Ashley Summers. Fourth row: Bailey Clark, Madison Mitchell, and Alisha Samuel. Back row: Ryan Harpole, Will Mullins, and Paul Barnett.

Museum features bridal gowns, past and present

In celebration of all June brides, the Hickman County Museum will feature a display of bridal gowns and accessories, beginning on Wednesday, June 5. The gowns displayed will be from a range of years. This event was held two years ago and generated such great enthusiasm and attendance, and the museum committee decided to have it again this year. County residents are invited to share wedding dresses, accessories, and other wedding items. Remember how some years

ago, bride dolls were on the Christmas lists of many little girls? We would love to have some of these for display as well. The committee asks that gowns and other memorabilia be delivered to the museum by Wednesday, May 22. The display will be up through the month of June, and all items may be picked up on Wednesday, June 26. A reception will be held at the museum on Wednesday, June 5, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. featuring wedding cake and

punch. Additional plans are being made for other wedding activities that afternoon. During April, the museum committee enjoyed hosting visits from Hickman County Elementary kindergarten students. The classes of Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Jackson, and Mrs. Davis toured the museum with so much interest and asked many questions. They were encouraged to return this summer with a parent or grandparent when they would have more time to see and ask about the displays.

Also, several Girl Scouts along with leaders and parents were able to tour. It is always exciting to have young people come and see memorabilia in the museum from the people of Hickman County. The museum is open every Wednesday from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. with volunteers available to assist with tours. Also, if you have some extra time and would enjoy being a volunteer or need more information about the upcoming bridal display, please call 270-994-5530.

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Accomplishments: Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program, Honor Roll, Distinguished on testing, Graduating with 33 college credit hours, Science Club President, Pep Club Secretary, NSSP Secretary, 2011-2012 FFA Reporter, Top FFA fruit seller for two years.

Future Plans: To go into Pre-Dental at Murray State University.

Feature Appearance by:
SAMANTHA ARON McCLAIN*Daughter of Damion McClain and the late Jill McClain*

Activities: Beta Club, H-Club, Gifted and Talented.

Accomplishments: Received highest percentage for free throws and 3-pointers in 2012. Maintained a 4.0 GPA every year. Was presented with the Kentucky Book Award in 2012.

Future plans: Undecided

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SPORTS/CHICKEN FESTIVAL

Lady Falcons drop first game to Tilghman

Jessica Cooley

The Lady Falcons lost their first game Thursday night against Paducah Tilghman with a final score of 1-3.

The Hickman County girls may have been lacking in their offense, but their defense was strong. The Lady Falcons first stepped to the plate after Tilghman had already scored three runs. The Lady Falcon defense stepped up after the first inning, not allowing any more runs for the rest of the game.

The starting lineup for the Lady Falcons was Abbey Coffey, Morgan Davis, Haley Bizzle, Courtney Collier, Sarah Harpole, Hannah Curlin, Kayla Boaz, McKenzie Hobbs, and Katie Woolard.

Davis made the first contact of the night for Hickman County, but the ball was caught by Tilghman's third baseman. Harpole knocked the ball into far left field and made it to first, where the first pinch runner of the game, Frankie Richie, came in.

In the sixth inning, a Tilghman player made a hard hit to center field where the ball was caught by Coffey for an out.

In the seventh inning, Bizzle made a hit to center field and took third base. Next up was Collier with an RBI, batting in the first run for the Lady Falcons. When Hickman County shortstop Morgan Davis was asked what the Lady Falcons needed to work on, she said, "We definitely need to work on hitting and adjusting to pitchers."

Davis was a key player of the night with three hits. Collier was another key player with the team's only RBI.***



DIG - Lady Falcon catcher Kayla Boaz drops her mitt to catch a low pitch during Thursday night's game against Paducah Tilghman.



DEFENSE - Lady Falcon center fielder Abbey Coffey catches a fly ball against Tilghman. Above right: Right fielder Katie Woolard fields a ball to throw back to the infield.



5K - Kelsey Grubbs won first place in the women's 17-19 age group in the 5K Saturday morning.



10K - Glenn Reid, president of Clinton Bank, had the second fastest time in the mens' 50-59 age group.



BEST TASTING WINGS - Arbor Place won the Best Tasting award during the First Community Bank Wild Wing Contest at the Chicken Festival. Roger Galey is shown at left with Trella Wilson after receiving the award. Pictured above at the Arbor Place booth are (from left) Administrator Trella Wilson, Dave Box, Anita Harget, Shannon Stunson, Harold Harget, Diana Rodgers, Jessica Harper, Diane Olive, Roger Galey, and Molly Paitsel.



CORNHOLE WINNERS - Jacob Davidson and Luke Craddock (pictured above) won first place in the Chicken Festival Cornhole Tournament. Brad Tucker and Kyle Anderson won second place, while Eric and Jerry Byassee came in third.



FUN RUN - Vickie Batts places medals around the necks of youth who participated in the Chicken Festival Fun Run Saturday morning after the 10K and 5K events.



WINNER - Face paint and all, Maddie Pittman mastered the ring toss at Clinton-Hickman County ICF's booth and went home with two liters of Mr. Pibb.

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according to Chicken Festival Arts and Crafts co-chair Melissa Goodman.

"The vendors were very surprised with the turnout despite the inclement weather," she said. As a result of the weather, vendors were given a voucher to set up at one of the summer block parties free of charge. The Chicken Fest Arts and Crafts committee is co-chaired by Goodman and Beverly Hopkins.

The First Community Bank Wild Wing contest was a success with five entries: Arbor Place, Allen Pyle, Kenny Jones, Billy Kimbro and Son, and Draper BBQ. The Best-Tasting Winner was Arbor Place; second place was Billy Kimbro & Son. The Hottest of the Hot Winner was Allen Pyle; second place was Draper BBQ.

ICF set up a booth where participants could toss rings onto two-liter bottles of beverages, keeping those they landed on. Many tried to ring the elusive two-liters, and most failed. Maddie Pittman successfully ringed a bottle of Mr. Pibb and proudly took it home.

"I was pretty pleased with the turnout considering the rain," Chicken Festival co-chair Deena Pittman said. "The community really came out to support the Chicken Fest."

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